



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 27, 2008

To: Ms. Anna L. Daniels, B.S.
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From: Department of General Services – Real Estate Services Division
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Subject: FACILITY REVIEW-VETERANS HOME OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, BARSTOW, CA
W.O. # 125551

This report is based on POD 700, Veterans Home of California, Barstow (VHC-Barstow), located at 100 E. Veterans Parkway, Barstow, CA 92311.

Construction Services Section was tasked to review the facility and compare the existing construction to Skilled Nursing Facility requirements in the 2001 California Building Code, Title 24. All deficiencies have been corrected and as of this date, the construction meets Title 24 requirements.

This facility opened in February, 1996. The original construction was certified based on the 1985 CBC.

The review personnel were a CSS OSHPD Certified Inspector, a Construction Supervisor I, Mechanical and Electrical disciplined inspectors. To minimize any impact to their overall schedule, the local State Fire Marshal was requested to join the inspection after most issues were corrected. However, they still made a complete and thorough review of any and all issues of interest to them.

The inspections were conducted between November, 2007 and May, 2008. Note that some of the buildings had been vacant for a few years; consequently, there were elements in need of maintenance. Aside from utility penetrations, there were no indications of alteration which affected the original certification. Whenever a deficiency was discovered, the facility staff immediately corrected it to be in compliance with Title 24. The review included fire/smoke walls and ceilings, fire and life safety systems and ADA accessibility. The fire alarm system was tested and recertified in the presence of the State Fire Marshal.

In conclusion, CSS finds that POD 700 meets the requirements for 2001 California Building Code, Title 24 Skilled Nursing Facility.

If I can be of any further help, please give me a call at (858) 391-1300.

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